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I made slight modifications to our earlier statement and it is undergoing UAC and EOC review and approval. As requested, I also shared with Mathy and Tom Burke. More soon.

David

EPA Statement on New Mexico Reopening Drinking Water Systems and Recreational Use on the Animas and San Juan Rivers

New Mexico announced its determination that drinking water systems and recreational activity

along the Animas and San Juan rivers can resume based on water quality sampling results collected by both New Mexico Environment Department and the EPA.

Reopening drinking water system intakes and allowing recreational activities is a state and local decision and we believe they have taken appropriate steps in arriving at this this decision. EPA sampling results from the river collected last week similarly show that water quality conditions are returning toward pre-event conditions.

We know the state has gone through a deliberative process in making this decision. EPA will continue to sample, analyze, and make data available to support local decision makers moving forward to allow them to make the best informed decisions.

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Carl,

The State Engineer is out observing and said the river is clearing up. As a result, the State and locals are now planning to allow DW systems to begin taking water from the Animas and opening up the river at 8:00 pm tonight.

Ronnie